

Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

Bill # HB0478		Title: Eliminat	e licensing fees for small j	plant sellers
Primary Sponsor: Grinde, Wanda		Status: As Amer	nded in Senate Committee	
☐ Significant Local Gov Impact	✓ Needs to be include	led in HB 2	Technical Concerns	
☐ Included in the Executive Budget	☐ Significant Long-To	erm Impacts	Dedicated Revenue For	rm Attached
	FY 2010	UMMARY FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Expenditures:	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
State Special Revenue	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)
Revenue: State Special Revenue	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact:

The bill creates a small plant vendor category and exempts small plant vendors from license fees in the nursery program. Revenue within the Department of Agriculture to the nursery state special account will be reduced as the amount of fees is reduced.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- 1. Prior to the legislative session of 2007, there was a tiered licensing structure, which included exemption of nurseries with annual gross sales of less than \$1,000. In 2007 there were 1,097 licensed nurseries. Of the 1,097 nurseries, 22.15% or 243 paid no license fee.
- 2. There are currently 1,104 licensed nurseries. Using the same percentage of licensure categories, 245 nurseries $(1,104 \times 22.15\% = 245)$ would have sales of less than \$1,000. Nurseries with sales of less than \$1,000 would be exempt from fees but not licensure. The loss of revenue would be \$23,275 (245 licenses X \$95 license fee = \$23,275).
- 3. If this bill passes, spending authority will be reduced by the lost revenue of \$23,275 (\$9,103 in personal services and \$14,172 operations) each year.

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	FY 2010 Difference	FY 2011 Difference	FY 2012 Difference	FY 2013 Difference
Fiscal Impact:				
Expenditures:				
Personal Services	(\$9,103)	(\$9,103)	(\$9,103)	(\$9,103)
Operating Expenses	(\$14,172)	(\$14,172)	(\$14,172)	(\$14,172)
TOTAL Expenditures	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)
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Funding of Expenditures:				
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)
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Revenues:				
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)
TOTAL Revenues	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)	(\$23,275)
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Fu	nding of Expenditu	<u>ires):</u>	
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Technical Notes:

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Sponsor's Initials	Date	Budget Director's Initials	Date	

^{1.} The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation addresses the nursery licensing fee structure in SB 38 - Revise laws regarding nurseries and plant dealers. SB 38 would mitigate the fiscal impact of HB 478 as noted above. In order for HB 478 to have no fiscal impact both HB 478 and SB 38 as amended by the Senate Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation Committee have to pass.